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Referring now to the drawings, wherein like reference numerals designate corresponding structure throughout the views, and referring in particular to Figure 1, reference numeral 10 generally refers to a new and improved shock absorbing assembly, hereinafter referred to collectively as invention 10, in accordance with the present invention. Invention 10 as generally depicted is for use with bicycle 12 (not shown) although it is understood that invention 10 may be used on all types of vehicles wherein shock absorbing capabilities may be desired. It is understood that invention 10 may be generally directed to a composite contoured "flat" spring 14, which will be discussed in greater detail below, and may be utilized in numerous configurations wherein a superior spring may be desired in various mechanical applications. The embodiments described herein should not be considered limiting to just bicycles or vehicles. Likewise, invention 10 may be utilized in non-human operated systems wherein shock absorbing capabilities are desired, such as but not limited to suspension systems for bridges, buildings, and so forth.

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In a preferred construction, a plaster, metal, alloy, or other type material mold of the general desired finished shape is constructed. A vacuum formed in resin, such as Orthocryl or other resins available in the industry for laminating purposes, may be applied to the built up layers of carbon tubular weave, Kevlar, kevlar carbon tubular weave, fiberglass, ~~Dacron~~, DACRON polyester, or other laminating materials may be layered over the plaster or other model. Alternatively, the lamination may take place also through pressure or heat treatment with or without vacuum to solidify them. Furthermore, the process for fabricating the spring section may come about through injection molding, milling, heat molding thermoset or thermoform plastics, pre-impregnated laminates, or other means. If laminates are used, these may be